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# The ELI Weekly

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## End-of-Semester Barbecue

*Come join the fun!*

On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our **End of Semester Barbecue at Blue Springs!** This is a chance to celebrate the end of the semester with your classmates, language assistants, teachers, family, and friends at Blue Springs while enjoying a barbecue lunch, which will be served around 12:15pm. After eating, have fun swimming in the springs, playing soccer, volleyball, and other games. This is the last weekend activity this semester, so don't miss it!

**When:** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Norman Garage at 11:00am. You can come back to Gainesville whenever your car chooses to return, probably around 4pm.

**Who:** All ELI students, staff, family, and friends are invited.

**Cost:** Entrance into the park is \$8 if you pay cash. If you want to pay with a credit card, there is a \$10 minimum. Make sure to say "I'm with the ELI" when you pay! The barbecue is FREE and delicious!

**Transportation:** This is a carpool trip. Blue Springs is about a 45-minute drive from Gainesville. You **MUST SIGN UP** on the Activities Board by 4pm Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. *If you are driving your own car- you must sign up on the activities board so we can order food for you! Also, sign up any friends and family members that you are bringing with you!*

**What to Bring:** Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel! Also bring sunscreen. Most importantly, bring an appetite for good food and fun!

**What Not to Bring:** No Pets. Also please remember that there is NO alcohol at ELI events.

## The Next "Trip"

On Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be holding our **ELI Spring 2016 Commencement Ceremony** in the University Auditorium. Details will be in next week's *Weekly*.

## Graduate Admissions Workshop

We will be having the Graduate Admissions Workshop on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. A representative from the UF Graduate School will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US graduate schools.

**When:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm  
**Where:** Matherly 10

## Scholarship Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Scholarships for the Summer 2016 semester!

**The Jayne C. Harder Memorial Scholarship:** Beatriz Preuss Custodio

**The J.C. Casagrande Peace Scholarship:** Diego Barbosa

## St. Francis Food Drive

If you are leaving the country at the end of the semester, you may have a lot of personal belongings that you will want to get rid of. Donate it to St. Francis House and help the homeless and hungry in Gainesville. Here is what you can donate:

**Unopened Food:** Rice, mayonnaise, canned goods, peanut butter, coffee, juice

**Clean Clothes:** T-shirts, jeans, shorts, towels and washcloths (new or used), laundry detergent (powder or liquid), and bleach

**Home Items:** Garbage bags, dish soap, floor cleaner, Windex, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, disposable plastic cups and plates

If you have a donation, please bring it to Matherly 211. We will be accepting donations until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

## Notes from the Office

**Want to move to the next level in your classes?** Take and pass all final exams in your classes, do the classwork, speak English, and of course, go to class. If you're not taking LS or GM, make sure to take the CELT test on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. There are no early exams in any classes. You can find the student learning outcomes and the promotion criteria here: [http://www.eli.ufl.edu/academics/academic\\_info.html](http://www.eli.ufl.edu/academics/academic_info.html)

**Owe money to the infirmary, library, or the ELI for late tuition payments?** You MUST pay it or we won't be able to give you the commencement packet. Go to the main office if you have any questions.

**Returning for Summer C?** Check in online between May 5 and May 9, 2016. The check-in link will be available on May 5<sup>th</sup> on the ELI homepage. You can also check in at the ELI Main Office in person. Please only check in once!

**If you do not check in on time, there will be a \$100 fee and you may not be permitted to enroll.**

**If you are returning and you are on a scholarship from your government,** make sure you turn in your financial guarantee by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Christine K. in the main office if you have any questions.

**Going home and want to return to the ELI?** If you have an F-1 visa, page 2 of your I-20 must be signed in order to be allowed back into the country! Check it before you leave and go to the ELI main office if it is not. If you have a J visa, you must check with your ARO.

**Taking a vacation semester?** You must speak with Daryl by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you cannot study in Summer C but want to return for Summer B or Fall C, please speak with Daryl.

**Transferring to another school?** If you're not returning for Summer C, you'll need to show Daryl your letter of acceptance to the new school before May 16<sup>th</sup> so he can release your I-20 to that program.

**Expiring I20?** Talk to Daryl *before* it expires.

## Birthdays

The following are ELI Birthdays for the period April 11 to April 17:

Students:

April 12: Nihal Coskun  
April 14: Arturo Zerpa Nunez  
April 15: Mustafa Kale  
April 16: Abdubaset Mami  
April 16: Gabriela Angulo Contreras  
April 17: Omar Almarshad

Staff:

April 12: Thomas Dolce

## Manners and Culture

*Q: Why do Americans ignore grammar rules when speaking?*

A: Nearly everyone does, to some extent. This is how we create slang and idioms and how language evolves over time. Language is not a static, unchanging thing. It lives because it's spoken by a nearly infinite variety of people with a nearly infinite variety of thoughts and ideas. Think about it. When

you speak in your native language with your friends, does it sound exactly like the language you are formally taught in school? Does it sound like the exact same language that your grandparents or even your parents use when they speak to their friends? My motto is, learn the rules and then learn how to break them, so you can sound more like a native speaker!

## Grammar

*Q: What does the future perfect express?*

A: That one action will be completed *before* a fixed point or another action in the future. Look at the examples below. Which action happens first?

- I will have sent a message to my friends by the time I get to my country.
- The essay will have been finished when I get to class tomorrow.

## Words of the Week

Look for these words in this *Weekly!*

*duplicate* (V) \_\_\_\_\_  
Collocates: result, feat, attempt, able, attempt

*dispute* (\_\_\_) to disagree about something  
Collocates: claim, fact, finding, widely, hotly

## Quote of the Week

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust



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